

# FISCAL NOTE

## SB 443

February 20, 1997

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes courts to award attorney's fees and reasonable costs in workers' compensation claims to include court reporter expenses and expert witness fees for dispositions and trials incurred when the employer fails to provide appropriate medical care, medicine or medical supplies to an employee.

### ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant**

**Increase Local Government Expenditures - Not Significant**

Estimates the number of appeals involving state government and local government employees, based solely on this issue, will not be a significant number.

### CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director